

# Top 10 List of Kindergarten

Please email your child's teacher before the first day of school:

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## Backpack and Red Folder

Each child will need a backpack. Please do not buy the backpacks on wheels. The cubbies in our classrooms are narrow and the backpacks on wheels do not fit. Some backpacks are too small to hold their red folder and a library book. Select a backpack carefully! Label the backpack on the inside with your child's name and address.

Your child will be given a red folder to use throughout the year. This folder must come to school every day. Your child will bring home important notes from their teacher, the PTA, and the school in their red folder. Please check it daily! Use this folder to send any notes to school (i.e. change in dismissal plans, field trip money, notes about planned absences, etc). Please use the "Report Student Absence" link on the left-hand side of the Carderock Springs website to report an absence. If your child's dismissal plans change during the school day, **please notify the main office by 3pm** as we do not always see emails from parents until the end of the day. You may call the office or send an email to Carol Meyer or Toni Tyser (the front office secretaries) to let them know of the change.

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## Curriculum

All Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) use the same curriculum. We integrate learning activities as guide the children to broaden their knowledge base and progress at their own rate. We will present specific goals and objectives at Back to School Night and at conferences in November. The students' day consists of a reading/writing block, math, science and social studies. An important part of a Kindergartener's day is center time. This is a time where students can work independently or with others in small groups.

## School Hours

Carderock Springs Elementary School has full day Kindergarten. Students may enter the building at 9:05am, and they may wait outside of their teacher's door until the first bell rings at 9:15am. Students may enter the classroom after the first bell. Morning announcements are at 9:20am. Instruction begins at 9:25am. It is important for students to arrive to school on time so that they do not miss morning routines and valuable instruction. Dismissal starts at 3:50pm. You must sign your child out in the main office, and then they will call down to your child's classroom to come up to the office.

## Kindergarten Schedule

Kindergarteners will go to recess at 11:30am each day, followed by lunch at 12pm. Kindergarteners have a special every day. The specials are Art, Music, Physical Education (P.E.), Computer Lab, and Media Center. Students will also have the opportunity to meet with the school counselor every other week. Students should plan on wearing comfortable play shoes on the days that they have P.E. Students are responsible for checking out and returning books from the Media Center each week.

## **Birthday Parties and Class Snacks**

Birthdays are usually celebrated one day of each month. Parents whose children have birthdays in that month will need to coordinate with each other to plan the snacks for the celebration. One sweet snack, one healthy snack, and one drink (juice box or mini water) are encouraged. Goodie bags, candles, and toys/gifts/balloons are not permitted. Food shared at school must be bought from a store and brought to school in its original unopened wrapper. Additionally, food must be free of nuts and cannot contain traces of nuts.

Your child will have the chance to eat a snack in the afternoon before centers. All Kindergarten classrooms are nut-free rooms. This includes all nuts, including tree nuts. Snacks should be kept in their backpack (not lunch box) during the day. Each Kindergarten classroom has a water-fountain, so please do not send a drink for snack.

## **Conferences and Report Cards**

Parent-teacher conferences are in November. Teachers schedule their conferences using SignUp.com. Kindergarteners will get a report card 4 times a year.

## **Lunch Account**

Your child has an account for money in the cafeteria. This account is called a SNAP account. Please use the SNAP account if your child buys lunch so they will not be bringing money to school each day they buy. We will send home your child's lunch number along with a copy of the PIN pad so that you can practice with your child at home. Please send money for the cafeteria in a labeled envelope in your child's red folder, or you have the option of paying online.

## **Volunteers**

Parents and grandparents are an enriching, integral part of our school life. We have volunteer opportunities in their classroom, media center, recess/lunch, and the school office during the school day. We use SignUp.com to coordinate our volunteers. You will receive more information at Back to School Night about volunteering.

## **Important People**

- Jae Lee, principal
- Carol Meyer and Toni Tyser, secretaries
- Stephanie Gordon, school counselor
- Marcie Axelrod, resource teacher
- Courtney Jason, speech pathologist
- Maureen Hennemuth, ESOL teacher
- Erinn Zeitlin, reading specialist
- Karen Seebohm, art teacher
- Ellen Johnson, music teacher
- Nan Ropelewski, media specialist
- Margaret Heimbach, PE teacher

## **Busses**

Parents are responsible for monitoring students at their bus stops. Student safety patrols are assigned to reinforce standards of safety and appropriate behavior taught at home and at school. All kindergarten classes are assigned safety patrols to help kindergarten students during dismissal. Patrols walk kindergarten students to their appropriate dismissal location, and safety patrols monitor student behavior on the buses. Morning and afternoon busses will pick up and drop off students at neighborhood bus stops. Parents are responsible for their children at bus stops and for teaching their children landmarks and neighbors to watch for when riding the bus home. A bus stop list and schedule is available from the office, or ask your neighbors for information and guidance.

**Thank you from The Carderock Springs Kindergarten Team!**

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